List of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A multimedia distribution kiosk comprising:

a first communication interface configured to receive, from a remote wireless user, a multimedia request at a first speed;

a second communication interface configured to communicate with a multimedia content server at a second speed that is faster than the first speed;

a presence detection module configured to determine whether the remote wireless user is a subscriber or a non-subscriber;

a usage statistics module configured to store usage statistics for both subscribers and non-subscribers;

a cache memory; and

a processor coupled to the first and second communication interfaces, the presence detection module, the usage statistics module, and the cache memory and configured to detect the presence of the wireless user, to classify the remote wireless user as a subscriber or a non-subscriber, to receive an indication of the multimedia request from the first communication interface, the processor being configured such that if the multimedia request is a request to download multimedia content, then the processor will communicate information relating to the indicator of the multimedia request to the multimedia content server through the second communication interface in response to receiving the request, obtain the requested multimedia content through the second communication interface, store the requested multimedia content in the cache memory, provide the requested multimedia content to the wireless user as desired, the processor further configured such that if the multimedia request is a request to upload multimedia content, then the processor will receive a multimedia upload information from the wireless user through the first communication interface, connect to a multimedia content receiver, and transfer the multimedia upload information to the multimedia content receiver through the second communication interface.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The kiosk of claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to provide the multimedia content to the user from the multimedia content server in real time or near-real time.

4. (Original) The kiosk of claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to provide the multimedia content through a user interface, the user interface including at least one of a third communication interface, and a digital storage device configured to store digital data on a tangible medium.

5. (Previously Presented) The kiosk of claim 4 wherein the user interface is the digital storage device and is configured to write digital data to at least one of a compact disc, a digital video disc, and a digital audio tape.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The kiosk of claim 1 wherein the first interface is configured to receive the remote multimedia request for multimedia content through at least one of a wireless connection and a packet-switched wide-area network communication path.

10. (Original) The kiosk of claim 9 wherein the first interface is configured to communicate wirelessly according to at least one of the Bluetooth (IEEE 802.11) protocol, the HiperLAN (IEEE 802.11a) protocol, the U-NII protocol, the IEEE 802.11a, and the IEEE 802.11b protocol.

11. (Previously Presented) The kiosk of claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to use user information from the first communication interface to provide suggestions for

multimedia associated with the user if the indicator of the multimedia request is a request to download multimedia content.

12. (Previously Presented) The kiosk of claim 11 wherein the processor is configured to obtain the suggestions from the multimedia content server.

13. (Original) The kiosk of claim 11 wherein the first communication interface is configured to provide as the user information at least one of information derived by the first communication interface from handshaking for a communication between the first communication interface and the user, information associated with a transmitting device used by the user supplied to the first communication interface from the transmitting device, and information supplied to the first communication interface by the user.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method of processing multimedia data, the method comprising:

detecting the presence of at least one wireless device;

determining whether a user associated with the wireless device is a subscriber or a non-subscriber;

providing remote access, by the at least one wireless device associated with ~~a~~ the user, to a first multimedia distribution unit;

receiving a multimedia option from the user;

storing the multimedia option and a subscriber status in a usage statistics module;

if the multimedia option is a request to download multimedia content, then:

communicating with the at least one wireless device remotely at a first rate to provide to the user a list indicative of multimedia content, and to receive a selection by the user of desired multimedia content;

communicating information related to the selection to the multimedia server in response to receiving the selection;

communicating with the multimedia server to download the desired multimedia content at a second rate to a second multimedia distribution unit, wherein the second rate is faster than the first rate;

caching the downloaded desired multimedia content in the second multimedia distribution unit;

providing the downloaded desired multimedia content from the second multimedia distribution unit;

if the multimedia option is a request to upload multimedia content, then:

receiving a multimedia upload information from the wireless device;

connecting to a multimedia content receiver; and

transferring the multimedia upload information to the multimedia content receiver from the user device.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 further comprising:

obtaining user information to identify the user;

using the user information to obtain recommendations of multimedia data likely to be desired by the user; and

caching the recommendations;

wherein the communicating with the user includes providing the recommendations to the user.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the downloaded content is provided by at least one of wirelessly communicating with a user device associated with the user, communicating through a physical connection with the user device, and storing the downloaded data on a storage medium and providing the medium to the user.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the downloaded content is provided wirelessly by communicating with the user device using a short-range wireless protocol.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein short-range wireless protocol is at least one of the Bluetooth (IEEE 802.11) protocol, the HiperLAN (IEEE 802.11a) protocol, the U-NII protocol, the IEEE 802.11a, and the WLAN (IEEE 802.11b) protocol.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the downloaded content is provided by storing the downloaded data on a storage medium, and wherein the medium is one of a cassette tape, a compact disc, a digital video disc, a digital audio tape, and a memory chip.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the first and second multimedia distribution units are separate multimedia distribution units.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the communicating with the at least one wireless device includes using a short-range wireless protocol.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein short-range wireless protocol is at least one of the Bluetooth (IEEE 802.11) protocol, the HiperLAN (IEEE 802.11a) protocol, the U-NII protocol, the IEEE 802.11a, and the WLAN (IEEE 802.11b) protocol.

26. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a multimedia server configured to provide multimedia data;

a multimedia receiver configured to receive multimedia data;

a distributed network of multimedia distribution devices coupled to the multimedia server and the multimedia receiver and configured to communicate with the server and receiver to transfer multimedia data;

wherein each multimedia distribution device is configured to wirelessly detect the presence of at least one user device, to determine whether the user device is a subscriber or a

non-subscriber, to store usage statistics associated with the user device, and to invoke a payment process, and the server is configured to provide multimedia data to a selected distribution device, and the receiver is configured to receive multimedia data from the selected distribution device, in accordance with future-location indicia indicative of a future location of the at least one user device.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26 wherein the distribution devices are configured to provide the multimedia data in a physical storage medium.

28. (Original) The system of claim 27 wherein the medium is one of a cassette tape, a compact disc, a digital video disc, a digital audio tape, and a memory chip.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26 wherein the wireless communication is according to a short-range wireless protocol.

30. (Original) The system of claim 26 further comprising a location server configured to provide present-location indicia indicative of a present location of the user device, and wherein the network is configured to communicate with the user device via a distribution device determined in accordance with the present location of the user device.

31. (Original) The system of claim 26 further comprising a location server configured to determine the future-location indicia in accordance with a present location of the user device, a present speed of travel and a present direction of travel.

32. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26 wherein each distribution device is configured to provide suggestions of multimedia data to the user device wherein the suggestions are associated with a profile of a user, ~~associated with~~ the user device, the user statistics and characteristics of multimedia data available through the server.